



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dec. 9, 2015

Nominate a Volunteer – Deadline Feb. 5

Nominate your favorite extraordinary volunteer or volunteer group for a Be More Award. The ten award recipients will earn \$500 cash for their volunteer organizations, thanks to the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County! Nominations will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 5. Nominating is easy and online for your convenience! To learn more, see pictures, and read biographies of previous nominees and recipients, go to BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/BeMore. Please contact Lucy Schaich at City of Bloomington Volunteer Network (812) 349-3433 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.

Sort Toy Donations – Dec. 8-16

At the Salvation Army, the dreams of hundreds of children and their families come to life! Imagine a warehouse filled with toys, games, stuffed animals and warm clothes. Volunteers will sort this wealth of donations to underserved families from Dec. 8-16. Items will be distributed to families in need on Dec. 17. Day and evening shifts are available, scheduling is flexible, and there is no minimum time commitment. Minimum age is 16; 14 if with an adult. Please contact Peter Iversen at peter_iversen@usc.salvationarmy.org or (812) 336-4310 ext.102 (www.bloomington.salvationarmyindiana.org)

Join PALS Mane Event Committee

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS) is planning their most important fundraiser of the year, the PALS Mane Event on June 12, and they depend on dedicated volunteer effort to make it a success. Volunteers solicit and manage auction items, connect with vendors and sponsors, design decor, and coordinate the event. Volunteers are also encouraged to serve as Table Captains, a key role in the event's success. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the PALS mission outside of the arena while honing your skills and gaining valuable experience in fundraising and event planning. Committee meetings will be scheduled once monthly on Tues. evenings. PALS would be open to working with you independently if you are unavailable at this time. Minimum age to volunteer at the event is 21; all ages may contribute to the planning process; those 16 and younger must be with an adult. Please contact Abi Yates at (812) 336-2798 ext. 15 or abi@palstherapy.org. (<http://www.palstherapy.org>)

Promote Land Conservation by Assisting with Mailings

If you are interested in promoting land conservation, consider joining the Sycamore Land Trust volunteer group. Sycamore is seeking volunteers who are available on weekday mornings or afternoons to assist with occasional mailing of event invitations, appeals, and thank you notes. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Jaime Sweany at jaime@sycamorelandtrust.org or (812) 336-5382 ext. 100. (www.sycamorelandtrust.org)

Volunteer Staff at the Boys & Girls Clubs

Volunteer staff at the Boys & Girls Clubs are enthusiastic, positive and communicative individuals interested in learning about youth development and providing a positive environment in which youth can grow. They engage with youth through conflict resolution, behavior management and by taking part in daily programs. Upper level volunteer staff may also co-facilitate or lead certain programs. Standard programs include sports/fitness, visual/performing arts, health/life skills, education/career, transportation/bus monitor, technology/computer lab, social recreation/games room, and teen programming. There are also special programs each semester, such as cheerleading, gymnastics, photography, flag football, basketball, archery, bicycle programs, cooking club and hip hop dance. Orientation and background check required; minimum age is 18. Please contact Audrey Hall-Pine at (812) 332-5311 ext. 15 or ahall@bgcbloomington.org. (www.bgcbloomington.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Community Justice & Mediation Center

Promotes a civil and just community through mediation, education, and restorative justice. To grant a wish, contact Susan Burton at (812) 336-8677 or cjam@cjamcenter.org (www.cjamcenter.org)

Wishes: computer monitor, coffee maker, 4-drawer locking file cabinet, podium or lecturn

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or purchase an item yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

